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Dear (b) (6) :

Thank you for your recent letter to President Obama with your concerns with blood lead levels and issues about the EPA and their process as it relates to the Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site (the "Site"). Since Oklahoma falls in my area of responsibility, I have been asked to respond.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in coordination with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has conducted several assessments at the Site using its authority under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, also called Superfund. These actions led EPA to add the Site to the National Priorities List of Sites to be addressed for cleanup on December 12, 2013.

As part of the enforcement process the EPA Remedial program continues to conduct further Site investigations to identify responsible parties to address the complete investigation and remediation of the Site. ~~While conducting these,~~ The EPA Removal program assessed your property **and installed fencing and signage around an oily sludge contaminated area on August 5-9, 2014** ~~of activities that may require action at this time.~~ ~~On August 5-9, 2014, fencing and signage was installed around an oily sludge contamination area in the back of your property and in December 9-10, 2014 further soil sampling was conducted~~ **soil sampling for lead on December 9-11, 2014.** ~~around your residence to identify if soil lead levels could be affecting your children.~~

Laboratory results are currently under evaluation by the EPA, **Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ)** and the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR). ATSDR is directed by congressional mandate to perform public health assessments of waste sites and the effect on public health of hazardous substances in the environment. **For this situation the public health assessment will address lead levels in the soil and the potential risks to your children. EPA will continue** ~~Once the evaluation is complete we would~~ **providing you with information** ~~inform you of the concerning sampling and assessment results and any further actions on your property. is required at this time.~~

At present the ODEQ also continues to conduct quarterly monitoring of drinking water wells near the Site. At this time no contamination above drinking water standards has been found near the Site. ODEQ will continue to collaborate with the EPA Remedial

and Removal programs to ensure your concerns are addressed and the eventual complete remediation of the Site.

We will send the information you provided to us to ODEQ. If you want to communicate directly with ODEQ in the future, Ms Kelly Dixon would be the most appropriate contact and her email address is Kelly.dixon@deq.ok.gov. Her mailing address is:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (214) 665 - 8124 or you can contact Bart Canellas of my staff at (214) 665 – 6662 or Mark Hayes at (214) 665-2705.

Sincerely yours,

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